

”..He chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him”

Intention for the Week

Monday, July 13, St. Henry
6:30 AM Simon-Haddad-Meredith Families

Tuesday, July 14, Blessed Kateri
6:00 PM Robert Freeman (ann of death)

Wednesday, July 15, St. Bonaventure
6:30 AM Mrs. Blackburn (dec)

Thursday, July 16—Friday July 17
No Mass Fr. John on Vacation

Saturday, July 18, St. Camillus de Lellis
4:00 PM Joe Stinnett (dec b'day)

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:00 AM John Hartz (dec)
10:00 AM Ben Onstott (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

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www.blessedmotherchurch.com

Picnic Meeting, Monday, July 20, 6:30PM
St. Joseph Hall

Liturgical Ministers for July 11-12

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM David Jones, Ethel, Fran Watrous, Shirley Kent, Sandra Henry, Rose, Mike Clark, Susie, Jay Fillman

7 AM Darlene Kazlauskas, Randy, Angie Lee, Joy, Bill Bach, Sr. Mary Timothy

10 AM Debbie Ward, Jeannie Best, John, Sharon Bell, Mark Church, Lori, Richard, Parker, Lindsey Whitehouse

5:30 PM Olivia Hardesty, Sandra, Dan Thomas, Janet Ruth, Rick, Leesa Moman,

Readers

4 PM Jack Hamilton

7 AM John Kazlauskas

10 AM Troy Haleman

5:30 PM Renee Howardl

Servers

4 PM Kyra Vanover, Gabe Fillman

7 AM Courtney, Birttany Estes

10 AM Olivia, Elizabeth Cason

5:30 PM Kendall Payne, Alex Smiley

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Steve Haynes

7 AM Shelby Thompson

10 AM Tim Honadle

5:30 PM Bill Young

Children's Liturgy

Preschool: Jennifer Hayden, Beth Young

Kn-3 Grade: Leesa Moman, Jennifer Shultz

Vocation Cross Family

Martha Estes, Angela Farmer, Jay Fillman

Hillcrest: Carol & Darryl Murphy

Ministers of Hospitality for July

4 Jackee Russell, Bill Wathen, Tony Fiorella, Tom Hobbs

7 Russ Corley, Bernie Dotsey, Jack, Nancy Murphy

10 Chris Pope, Jan, Mark Hubbs, Jim Hagan

5:30 Kenny, Patricia, Ashley Hamilton, Kent McCarthy

Catholic Q&A

Someone told me that, when we go to heaven, we will see God face-to-face. Is that true?

Indeed it is. Theologians call this the "Beatific Vision" (the word "beatific" is the adjective form of the word "beatitude," which means "a state of supreme joy").

Scripture says that the angels already behold the face of God:

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven." (Mt 18:10)

Paul says that we will see the Lord face to face on the day when everything imperfect will pass away:

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. (1 Cor 13:12)

John echoes this same sentiment:

Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

There are two other passages of Scripture that scholars think may pertain to this vision as well:

"Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God" (Mt 5:8).

"As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with beholding thy form" (Psa 17:15).

I think the Beatific Vision should be the passionate desire of every Christian, just as it was of Job:

"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!" (Job 19:25-27)

What's amazing about the Beatific Vision is that within the *invisible* God is the Son, who took on a *visible* body in the person of Jesus Christ. Our minds aren't yet capable of grasping such a thing, but when we stand before Him, we will finally understand, and we will bask in the glow of the amazing mystery that is our Trinitarian Lord and Savior.

Peace of Christ to you,
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education
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Vatican International Exhibit Eucharistic Miracles of the World Coming to Blessed Mother Church

July 11, 2-6:30pm

July 12, 7:30am-2pm

In His Mercy, God has shown us the flesh and blood of Jesus through Eucharistic miracles. This exhibit includes the stories of 126 Vatican authenticated miracles associated with faith in and worship of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic miracles inspire in us a deeper awareness and more ardent love of our Lord's Real Presence.

For more information on the exhibit visit:
www.bodyofchristoutreach.org/exhibit2.htm.

Parish Picnic August 8, 2009

It is not too early to start putting your **baskets** together for our picnic. They can be filled with just about anything (school supplies, pet supplies, baby supplies, kitchen gadgets, etc.) **Auction Items** are also needed. If you run across something for this it would be appreciated. We also need **bags of wrapped candy** for our Candy Sundaes and small **individual bags of chips and cookies** for our prize booth.

Raffle Tickets Are Available at the Parish Office

Forming Good Stewards

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts."
Mark 6:8

The spiritual and moral disease of "meism" is a pandemic that most people are not even aware exist. It is important to recognize the primary symptoms: the attitude that "The one who dies with the most things wins!" and the constant repetition of the word Mine! Jesus made his disciples stewards who were responsible to spread his message and continue his work without walking stick, food, sack or money. They went into the world armed with only the truth and beauty of the message, "Love your God with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength; and love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus knew that is all they would need to be his true disciples. Are we prepared and willing to be stewards of all that God has given to us to spread his message and continue his work? A wise sage once noted that "our success and greatness in life depends not so much on what we have, but on what we can do without." What are we prepared to do without?

**Blessed Mother Church
Vacation Bible School Week
Thanks to all for all the Help!!!!**

Congratulations, Fr. Mike Crump

Mike, son of Ben and Thelma Crump will be ordained on July 14 in Corpus Christi. Fr. Mike has asked us to celebrate with him at Blessed Mother on Sunday, July 26th. Fr. Mike will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at the 5:30 PM Mass and a reception will follow in St. Joseph Hall.

All are invited to come!

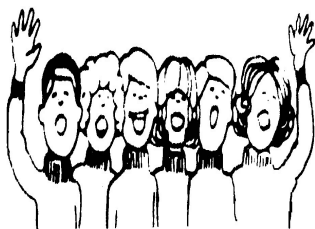
Young Disciples

Coming Soon...

Sunday, July 12th: BOBBY BISHOP the Rapper will be at Our Lady of Lourdes FREE concert 7 PM!! ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME!!

Thursday, July 23rd: Youth Hang-Out Night!! 6-9 pm in the Bosco (Youth) Room. Bring some friends!!

Sunday, July 26th: H2O WARS – Let's get a Blessed Mother Team together! Meet right after the 5:30 pm mass, and we will return to Church around 9:15 pm.



If interested in water wars, please let me know so that rides can be arranged: come by, call, or e-mail me @: Christina Best: bmcyouth@bellsouth.net or 683-8444 Ext. 28

Attention: Parents of Children in Catholic Schools

If you have children in Catholic Schools, **you are required to turn in the Stewardship Form that was mailed to you** before you can obtain a voucher for the 2009-2010 School Year. You must be in good standing with the Parish according to the commitments that you made. **Vouchers have been mailed to those who have returned the forms that were mailed out.**

Owensboro Catholic Schools Registration, Wed., July 29, Noon—6 PM Catholic High Small Gym

Must have voucher, new students must have baptismal certificates, Kn students need baptismal certificate, birth certificate, Social Security card, updated physical and eye exam, current immunization certificate.

Laugh for the Week

Wedding Stories: A cake decorator was asked to inscribe 1 John 4:18 "There is no fear in love, but perfect love cast out fear" on a wedding cake. When the cake arrived at the reception, it was discovered that instead John 4:18 was inscribed on the cake "For you have had five husbands, and he whom you have now is not your husband."

A little boy was at his first wedding. After the service, another child asked him, "How many men can a woman marry?" "Sixteen," said the little boy. "How do you know that?" "Father said it—4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples who are disillusioned or even experiencing misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug. 14-16, call 683-1545 ext. 357. Web site: www.retrouvaille.com

Cathedral Preschool

Still a few openings in the classes for 3, 4, and 5 years old. The preschool, located at the Pastoral Center, 600 Locust St. is a loving, learning center serving Owensboro families since 1986. The program is designed to complement the role of Christian parents in providing for the development of their child. Children are gifted with unique potential which develops at his or her own rate. The goal is to help each child feel loved and respected, thus gaining a positive self image. Classes are offered 2 day, 3 day or 4 day. Call 926-1652 for more information about enrollment for the fall or check the website at: www.stseephencathedral.org

Refugee Ministry

The US Committee on Refugees and Immigrants has approved pending a satellite office of the International Center, a volunteer resettlement agency, in Owensboro. We expect to welcome the first refugees Oct. 1. The expansion of the International Center into Owensboro is a wonderful development, but one that will require a collaborative outreach among churches. James Robinson, executive director, and his staff will provide an Orientation in the Science Building at Brescia on Sat., July 25, 9:30-11:30 AM to explain what the International Center does, what is involved in resettlement, and how volunteers can participate. We invite you to attend and discern whether you might be called to this ministry. No previous experience needed, just a desire to welcome new neighbors.

Remember in prayer those sick in our community:

Tommy Askins, Len Bach, Herman Barr, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Liz, Tony Brown, Susan Byars, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, JB Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce, Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Ann Clark, Clifton Clark, Dorothy Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Alice Cole, Addie Corley, Amy Cox, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Andrew Dotsey, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kinsey Dunn, Lucille Goetz, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Janice Goins, Robert Hagan, Robert Hagan, Mary Hardesty, Martha Hayden, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler,, Peggy Hicks, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Mildred Howard, Margaret Isbell, Mary Ava Jackson, Gertrude Jones, Debbie Koenig, John Krusick, Helen Matheny, Margaret Mattingly, Mildred McCarthy, Margie Meredith, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Conner Mills, Dena Montgomery, Mary Morton, Alma Mulligan, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Joann Ogle, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, Paul Payne, Philip, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Lawrence Quinn, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Susan Rice, Paul Robertson, Larry Roby, Linda Rouse, Cecelia Schartung, Janet Schartung, Herman, Mary Simmons, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Teresa Taucher, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Angela, Leo Thompson, Betty Thompson, Charles Thompson, Martha Towery, Anita Travis, Tammy Tucker, Glynda Turner, Jean Van Meter, David Vasterling, Joyce Ventrees, Dianne Walsh, Kenny Ward, Scott Ward, Teresa Ward, Katherine Whittinghill, Bea Wooldridge, Steve Woolen, Bill, Flora Yancy

Please Pray for Our Troops Serving in War. Keep them safe, O Lord, and bring them home soon. Iraq:

SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Matthew Hoffman, US Army, Baghdad (great nephew of Camilla Baker)
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
Cpt. Michael Stock (son of Carol & Rick Stock), Baghdad
In Afghanistan

Sidney Hoffman, National Guards (great niece of Camilla Baker)

Other

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May
CSSR Justin Mills, Japan, grandson of Dessie Clark

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524



I hope you had a good week. Today is the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus sends the apostles out two by two to preach and heal. To be an apostle means to be sent out. We are not the official successors of the twelve but we are sent out to spread the kingdom nevertheless.

Vacation Bible School was a big success thanks to all the volunteers who helped every day. SO thanks to you. There were 40-45 kids most days at VBS.

I will be starting my vacation this week (after Mass on the 15th) and returning the week of the 26th of July (possibly that Thursday evening). Fr. Andy Garner will be here the first weekend I'm gone to speak about vocations. He is the Vocation Director for the Diocese. And Fr. Phil Riney will be here the second weekend I'm gone.

THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS ON THE SATURDAYS THAT I AM GONE - THE 18TH AND THE 25TH.

On Sunday the 26th at the 5:30 Mass, Fr. Michael Crump will be saying Mass for us. He is the son of Ben and Thelma Crump of our parish. He will be ordained in Texas on the 18th. Welcome Fr. Mike and congratulations.

The following people have graciously consented to put their names in the parish council nominee hat. Kim Barnett, Denny Mann, Nancy Byrum, Barbara Cecil, Kathy Latta, Tony Powers and David Marshall. We will be filling two vacancies on the council and will draw the names out of a hat. Pray for them so that the Holy Spirit will guide us in our selections.

I have been asked to remind everyone that handicap seating is available down front in the areas that have no pew in front of them about the third pew back from the front on both sides. There is room for wheel chairs on the sides where the extra pews are sitting against the walls.

We continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the choice of our next bishop.

Have a great week.

Safe Environment

Copies of the Diocese of Owensboro’s policy dealing with sexual abuse of minors or vulnerable person is available in the Parish Office and on the Diocesan web site (www.Owensborodio.org) The Bishop and Diocesan Review Board want to help anyone who has been abused in the past or is currently suffering from abuse. You may phone the Pastoral Center, 683-1545, to report an allegation of abuse. **If you need to attend a Safe Environment Workshop, contact Jan at the Parish Office. You may now take the training online at www.shieldthevulnerable.org**

TV Mass

Mass will now air on Channel 72 at 10:30 am. If you have Time Warner’s digital cable the Mass can also be seen at 11am on Channel 311. It also broadcasts from News 25 (cable chaneel11) at 6am. All those with satellite can get the Mass on local Channel 25 at 6am.

**Donations may be made to Gideon Productions.,
515 East 22nd St.
Owensboro, Ky. 42303**

Picnics

July 18, St. Peter. Stanley, 4pm
 Aug. 1, Blessed Sacrament, Noon
**August 8, Blessed Mother, 4 pm,
 booths open at 2pm**
 Sept. 13, Mount St. Joseph, 11:30am
 Sept. 19, St. Stephen, 11am
 Sept. 26, Immaculate, 3pm
 Sept. 27, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville, 11am
 Oct. 24, Carmel Home

End of Year Financial Statement

Revenue	Actual	Budget
<i>Collections</i>	\$1,092,241.	\$1,085,000.
<i>Other</i>	\$ 41,768.	\$ 33,200.
<i>Operating Cash</i>	\$1,134,009	\$1,118,200.

Expenses	Actual	Budget
	\$ 994,931.	\$1,070,748.

Net Gain \$ 139,078.

June Sunday Collections

Actual	Week to Date Ave.	YTD Ave. per week
\$79,613.	\$19,903.	\$21,005.

July 5 Collection

Actual	Budgeted
\$22,399.	\$21,058.

Words of Life

“Human life is a relationship. It is only in a relationship, and not closed in on ourselves, that we can have life. And the fundamental relationship is the **fragile**. relationship with the Creator, or else other relations are Hence, it is essential to choose God. A world empty of God, a world that has forgotten God, loses life and re-lapses into a culture of death. Choosing life, taking the option for life, therefore, means first and foremost choosing the option of a relationship with God.” – Pope Benedict XVI, March 2006.

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

Mon. Mass at 6:30 AM
Bunko, 1:00 PM, Youth Room

Tues. Mass at 6:00 PM
Finance Meeting, 6:30 PM

Wed. Mass at 6:30 AM

Thurs. No Noon Mass

Fri. No Noon Mass

Sat. NO Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM
Mass 4 PM

Sun. 16th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM
No Coffee and Donuts until Fall
No Youth Group in summer
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, school cafeteria

Readings for the Week

July 12 through July 19, 2009

Sun: Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-14 Eph 1:3-14
 Mk 6:7-13

Mon: Ex 1:8-14,22 Ps 124:1-8 Mt 10:34-11:1

Tues: Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3,14,30-31,33-34
 Mt 11:20-24

Wed: Ex 3:1-6,9-12 Ps 103:1-4,6-7 Mt 11:25-27

Thurs: Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1,5,8-9,24-27
 Mt 11:28-30

Fri: Ex 11:10-12:14 Ps 116:12-13,15-18 Mt 12:1-8

Sat: Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1,10-15,23-24
 Mt 12:14-21

Sun: Jer 23:1-6 Ps 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18
 Mk 6:30-34

Parish Council Members

Sharon Bell	729-4270
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Tim Goetz	684-8275
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Troy Haleman	691-0633
David Jarboe	683-5108
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Rick Moman	683-6555
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